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SUBJECT: KHMER SITUATIONER

1. IN THE MEKONG-BASSAC CORRIDOR SOUTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH, A FANK BATTALION ENCIRCLED FOR NEARLY A WEEK AT ROBAOH ANGKHANG WITHDREW TO FRIENDLY LINES SATURDAY NIGHT UNDER COMMUNIST PRESSURE. THERE WAS NO REPORT ON CASUALTIES IN THE ACTION. AT THE SAME TIME, A FANK TERRITORIAL UNIT WAS TEMPORARILY ENCIRCLED AT TRAPEANG THNOAT IN THE PHNOM BASET AREA NORTHWEST OF PHNOM PENH BUT A RELIEF COLUMN FROM THE SEVENTH DIVISION BROKE THE ENCIRCLEMENT TAKING LIGHT CASUALTIES IN THE FIGHTING.

2. GOVERNMENT UNITS ACTIVELY PATROLLING OUTSIDE THEIR DEFENSIVE PERIMETER AT KOMPONG THOM ENGAGED THE COMMUNISTS ON SEVERAL FRONTS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. THEY KILLED ELEVEN COMMUNIST SOLDIERS WITH THEIR OWN LOSSES LIMITED TO ONE

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FRIENDLY SOLDIER WOUNDED. HOWEVER, THE COMMUNISTS MANAGED

TO SHELL THE TOWN'S DEFENSIVE PERIMETERS WOUNDING TWO PEOPLE.

3. IN MODERATE ACTION AT SVAY RIENG, COMMUNIST GROUND ATTACKS ON THE EASTERN AND SOUTHEASTERN PERIMETERS COST THEM FOUR KILLED WHILE THERE WERE NO GOVERNMENT CASUALTIES. TWO 122MM ROCKETS HIT WITH THE CITY SATURDAY KILLING ONE AND WOUNDING FIVE, ALL CIVILIANS, AND BURNING THREE HOUSES TO THE GROUND.

4. A REVISED GOVERNMENT REPORT FROM KOMPONG SEILA ON LOWER ROUTE 4 SAYS THAT A TOTAL OF 200 ROUNDS OF HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE HIT THE ENCLAVE SATURDAY KILLING TWO PEOPLE AND WOUNDING TWENTY OTHERS. THE COMMUNISTS ALSO CONTINUED THEIR PRESSURE ON THE GROUND WITH ATTACKS REPORTED ALL AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE ENCLAVE ON SATURDAY NIGHT AND ON INTO SUNDAY MORNING.

5. OTHER CONTACTS WITH COMMUNIST FORCES WERE REPORTED FROM PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT CAPITALS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WITH GOVERNMENT CASUALTIES GENERALLY LIGHT. A GOVERNMENT SWEEP OPERATION SOUTH OF NEAK LUONG ON SATURDAY MORNING LEFT EIGHT COMMUNIST SOLDIERS DEAD WHILE GOVERNMENT CASUALTIES WERE LIGHT.

6. TWO COMMUNIST 107MM ROCKETS HIT ON THE SOUTHERN FRINGES OF PHNOM PENH SOUTHWEST OF THE MONIVONG BRIDGE ON SUNDAY MORNING WOUNDING SIX CIVILIANS.

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